



# County of San Diego

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## CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

### Members Present

Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce  
Clegg, Robin – Lakeside Comm. Planning Group  
Coyle, Ken – Lakeside Fire Protection District  
Guidry, Doreen – East Co. Fire Protection Dist.  
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School Dist.  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont  
Savage, Warren – City of Santee  
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

### Members Absent

Carlisle, Allen – Santee School District

### Contract Staff Present

Baker, Mark – Lakeside Fire  
Mattick, Richard – Santee Fire

### County Staff Present

Lindstrom, Mark  
Marcotte, R.N., Annie

## **I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Warren Savage, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

It was announced that Chief Darrell Jobes had lost a son recently. A moment of silence was observed.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 9, 2006**

**MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Robin Clegg, to approve the minutes of February 9, 2006 as submitted. MOTION carried.**

## **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

None.

#### **IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS**

##### **A. Financial Report (Mark Lindstrom, County EMS)**

Mr. Lindstrom reported that the April 25, 2006 Board Letter which amended the section of County Code authorizing the user fee passed on consent. The amendment authorizes the Director, Health and Human Services Agency or the Director's designee to waive the fee for those CSA 69 residents financially unable to pay the fee. Mr. Lindstrom stated that County Counsel has recommended that there needs to be more stringent criteria for determining resident's financial inability to pay the user fee than having them sign a statement declaring their financial inability. They have recommended that annual income of 135% of the federal poverty level be used as the threshold with resident supplying documentation to show annual income. 135% of the federal poverty level is the same percentage that County Medical Services uses to determine eligibility. Mr. Lindstrom distributed a handout showing household income levels at 135% of the federal poverty level for various household sizes and a handout showing the number of accounts eligible to apply for a fee waiver for the months of July through November 2006. Discussion ensued with the general consensus of the Advisory Committee that when they voted in support of the user fee, it was with the understanding that residents would simply have to sign a statement declaring their financial inability to pay the fee in order for the fee to be waived.

**MOTION was made by Pat Chambers, Seconded by Ken Coyle, that the CSA-69 Advisory Committee is opposed to the fee waiver process as recommended by County Counsel. MOTION carried.**

Mr. Lindstrom referenced column E of the budget tracking handout. Third quarter projections indicate approximately \$19,000 will be needed from reserves; approximately \$48,000 less than was budgeted.

##### **B. Administrative Report (Anne Marcotte, R.N., County EMS)**

Ms Marcotte reported that Bruce Haynes, M.D., EMS Medical Director, planned on attending but had a meeting conflict and apologized for not being able to attend.

There is a possibility that Alvarado Hospital could close. EMS staff have been conducting contingency planning should this occur. Approximately 500 patients a month are directed to Alvarado Hospital so those transported by ambulances would have to be taken to other facilities.

A recent San Diego Union newspaper article written by Cheryl Clark discussed STEMI patients and where is the best care for those types of patients. According to most literature, the most appropriate facility for a STEMI patient is an open cath lab so they can have their arteries opened and a stent put in. The Cardiac Advisory Committee (CAC) has been conducting numerous meetings and reviewing which facilities have the best set up for off-loading a patient and getting them into a cath lab within 120 minutes of the event. There will be a quality improvement program and policies coming out concerning this.

##### **C. Agency Reports**

Lakeside Fire: No report.

Santee Fire: Two weeks ago the City of Santee hired three new fire-fighter paramedics. They will attend the fire academy later.

**V. FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Mr. Lindstrom presented the FY 2006/07 budget proposal which will require \$28,744 from reserves.

**MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Pat Chambers, to approve Fiscal Year 2006-07 Proposed Budget as submitted. MOTION carried.**

**VI. FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 ANNUAL BENEFIT TAX ADJUSTMENT**

Mr. Lindstrom stated that the 2006 Consumer Price Index increase of 3.7 % would bring the FY 2006/07 benefit tax to \$43.44.

**MOTION made by Robin Clegg, Seconded by Kevin Howe, to approve the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Annual Benefit Fee Adjustment. MOTION carried.**

**VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary  
County EMS